



To the  
**Children of Light**  
IN THIS  
**GENERATION,**  
Called of God to be Partakers of Eter-  
nal Life in **JESUS CHRIST**, the  
Lamb of God & Light of the World.

My Endeared Friends and Brethren;

**M**any Days and Weeks, yea, some Moneths hath my Heart been Heavy, and my Soul unusually Sad for the sake of this Nation, the Land of our Nativity! For I have not only long beheld with a grieved Eye the many Abominations and gros Impieties that reign therein, the Lusts, Pleasures, Wantonness, Drunkenness, Whoredoms, Oaths, Blasphemies, Envy, Treachery and Persecution of the Just, but for some time I have had a deep Sense, that the Overflowing Scourge of God's Wrath and Indignation was just ready to break out upon the People, Confusion, Amazement and Misery! The Weight of which hath caused me to Cry within my self, *Who shall Save us! Who shall Deliver us! Is there none to stay the Stroke, to blunt the Edge, to stop the Fury, and intercede for the*

People, and mediate for this poor Land, that the Lord may not utterly depart, and take his Glory and his Name from it, and make it a Desolation for the Wild Beasts of the Field and Fowls of the Air, a Land of Judgment and not of Promise, of Curses, and not of Blessings.

My Friends, whilst the Sense of this Distress, that is coming as a Dreadful Visitation from the Hand of the Displeased God upon this Ungodly Land to Stain its Glory, Bring down its Pride and Punish its Forgetfulness of the Lord and his many Deliverances, lay so Heavy upon my Spirit, the Lord presented before me the Truly Conscientious and Well-inclined people in these Nations; and more especially now, his Despised but Chosen Generation, for whose sake he would yet have Mercy. And in the midst of his Judgments, This I received for you from the Lord, as his Holy will and Counsel, and it often sprung in my Heart with a very Fresh and Strong Life;

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God is thy TENT: To thy God, O Israel!

PREPARE, O Friends, to stand in this Day before the Lord (that is in the first place;) for ye shall also have your Exercise. Yea, Great is that Work, which we have to do for the Lord by his Powerful, but very Peaceable Spirit; for God will by all these Hurries, Confusions and Vexations, that are at the Door, drive people from their False Gods, and bring them home to HIMSELF. He will throw down Wickedness, and establish Righteousness; he will waste Sin, but Truth shall grow. He will debase the Mountain of Empty Profession; but the Mountain of his Holiness shall be exalted. He hath determined to raise up and

renown the *Seed of Light, Life and Truth* in the Hearts of people ; *Holy Patience, Meekness, Wisdom, Love, Faith, Purity* and *Perseverance* (so much wanting in the World) shall be seen to dwell in it, and only to come from it. And my witness is, that ye are the People, through whom this *Heavenly Seed of Righteousness* must Clearly and Stedfastly so shine unto others in these *Uneven and Rough Times*, that are Come and Coming, as that your *Heavenly Father* may be glorified by you.

Wherefore in the *Name of the Lord* be ye all *Dis-imbued of the World* and *Discharged of the Cares of it* ; Fly as for your Lives from the *Snare* therein, and get you into your *Watch-Tower*, the *N. A. M. E.* of the *LORD* ! Which is not a *Dead Name*, or a mere *Literal Name* ; but a *Living Spiritual* and very *Powerful Name* : A *Strong Tower* indeed, yea, an *Invincible Fortress* ; where, dwell ye with God, and in him who speaketh *Peace* to his *Children*, and ordains *Quietness* for them that trust in him. He will make you to lie down *Safely*, even then when *Darkness* and *Confusion* shall be thick about you ; yea, ye shall live in the *Fire*, that will *Consume the Stubble of the World*, and your *Garments* shall not be so much as *Singed* : for the *Son of God*, whom the *Flames*, as well as *winds* and *Seas* obey, will be in the *Midst* of you.

Next Friends, this know ; We are the People above all others, that must stand in the *Gap* and *Pray* for the putting away of the *Wrath*, so as that this Land be not made an *Ulster Desolation* ; and God expects it at our Hands. *PREPARE* ye therefore to *Meet* and *Sacrifice* the *Lord* in his *Coming* and *Judgments* ! Why stand any of you gazing ? Let none gaze or Look out,

I beseech you, that is the Enemy's Work to weaken you within; but be ye Retired, be ye Centered in the Eternal One, and Meditate upon the Lord and his Living, Pure Law, that ye may be wise in Heart and travail in Spirit for this Poor Land, and that for Enemies as well as Friends. The Lord is ready to hear you for this people, when ye are ready to Intercede; and I testify, Abraham is amongst you, God's Friend, and his Just Lot too; yea, Jacob, that Prevailed: & One, that is Greater than them all, JESUS, the Lamb of God, whose Blood speaketh better things than that of Abel, in whom is the Mediation and Attonement. Be therefore encouraged to wait upon the Lord, and to bow before him, and humbly to Meditate in the Life of JESUS with him: I know, he will put it into your Hearts so to do, if ye wait upon him. For he will not cast off this Land, as he did Sodom; he hath a Right Seed, a Noble People in it, that he hath and yet will gather: many Sheep there be not yet of our Fold, whom he will bring in, and the foul Weather and the Storms will but help to drive them Home to J E S U S, the Living and True Witness and Light within, that he whom God hath ordained to Reign, may be great in them.

And Lastly, my Dear Friends and Brethren, by how much this Day draws Nigh, by so much the more do ye stand loose in your Affections to the World, but fast in the Faith. And Assemble your selves together, and let God Arise in you, and his Power and Spirit of Life among you, that ye may not only Wrestle, but in the End Prevail; That it may be seen, that SALVATION is of the Jews, the Jews inward, in Spirit and in Truth: And truly, the time hastens, that Ten shall take

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take hold of the skirt of such a Jew, and they shall be saved. But *Woe* to the *Hypocrite* in that Day, the *Formalist*, the *Jew Outward*, the *Circumcision in the Flesh* and *Fleshly Christian*, that cannot resist the *Temptations* of this *World*, the *Temporizer*, one that *Runs with the Tide*, he will be *Divided*. For there will be more *Tides*, more *Interests* on *Foot* at once, than *One*; wherefore *Perplexity* will take hold on him, his *Policy* will be *Confounded*. He will not know what to do to be *Safe*, nor what to *Join* with; this *Double minded Man* will be *Unstable* in his *Counsels* and in his *Actions*, his *Sandy Foundation* will be *shaken*. Therefore, as I said, *Woe* to the *Hypocrite*, and to the *Covetous Man* too, for his *Gods* will fail him; the *Thief*, the *Moth* and *Raft* will invade his *Baggs*, and surprize his *Treasure*: his *Angustia* will be *Great* in this *Day*! But my *Dear Brethren*, as the *Power* and *Spirit* of our *Lord God* will *Preserve* and *Establish* us, if we *Sincerely* and *Entirely* confide therein, and that above our *Sollicitation* or *Need* of *Carnal Consultations* or *Contrivances*, which we have therefore laid aside; so shall it *Vindicate* us in *Due Time* in the *Eyes* of all *Nations*, and present us a *People* owned, beloved and protected of *God*, in whom we have firmly believed. Nor is this *Presumption*, as some *may think*, who being not so well acquainted with that *Entire Resignation* and *Supreme Faith* (of which *Jesus* is the *Author*, that removes *Mountains* into the *Sea*) conclude from *meer Natural* and *Human Considerations* against us; yet we know him in whom we have believed: and the same, that hath *Cured* us of our *Diseases*, the same said unto us, *Arise and Walk in this Way of Faith*; *Trust in me*, and not in another. And truly, this is much of that *Wonder*, which Men shall

shall have in their Minds and Mouthes about us in those Later Dayes, In Troubles not to be dejected, and in Jeopardies not to be concerned to make to our selves Defences; but as the Lillies, that neither toil nor spin, yet feed and grow, so we may both be preserved and become Victorous without worldly Force or Projections. For we must shew our selves to be that Little City and Hill of God, that hath only his *Salvation* for our Walls and Bulwarks; by whom he will renown his Arm, and magnifie his Power above the Arts and Contrivances of Men. Our Weapons and our Armour is Spiritual; it hath prevailed, and it will prevail, if we keep in the *Faith*, which was first delivered to us: a blessed Shield, by which the *Just* live.

And therefore, *My Dear Friends*, let us be Careful not to mingle with the *Croud*, lest their *Spirit* enter us instead of our *Spirit* entring them, and we thereby come to fall into the same *Temptations* they are liable to, of *Fear* and *Flying to the Hills and Mountains* to protect them, confiding in the *Arm of Flesh* to deliver them; no, no! they must come to us, we must not go to them. Yet can we not be Un sensible of their *Infirmities*, as well as we shall not be free from some of their *Sufferings*; we must make their *Case* as our own, and travail alike in *Spirit* for them, as for our selves. Let us stand in the *Counsel* of our God, and he will make us *Preachers* forth to them of the *Works* of his *Divine Power*, and the *Virtue* of that *Faith* which comes from *Heaven*; yea, he will make us as *Saviours* to the *People*, that they may come to know the *Holy Law* and *Word* of the *Lord* (their *Creator*) in their *Hearts*, and have their *Minds* and *Souls* turned to him, and stay'd upon him, that *Iniquity* may no more

more abound, nor *Ungodliness* find a place: but that in *Truth, Righteousness* and *Peace* they may be establish'd, and the Land keep its *SABBATH* to the *Lord* for ever! Then shall God lift up the *Light* of his *Countenance* upon us, and water us from *Heaven*, and bless us with all *Temporal* and *Spiritual* *Blessings*; and we shall be yet called, *THE ISLAND SAVED BY THE LORD!* Amen, Amen!

*This was upon my Soul from God to you; I could not Visit you all with a *Distinct Message* upon many Accounts: besides, the *Time* is *Short*, and the *Confusion* appears to me to be at hand. Therefore have I sent it by way of *Epistle*, with the *Brotherly Salutation* of *Unfeigned and Unalterable Love* to you all in your *Respective Meetings* and *Families*. And the *Lord God* of our *Visitation & Redemption* stir you up to these things, and keep us all in his *Holy Fear, Wisdom, Love and Patience* through all those *Travails* and *Exercises* to the *End of our Days*; that having finisht our *Testimonies*, our *Heads* may go down to our *Graves in Peace*, and our *Souls* be received into the *Rest*, which is reserved for the *Righteous* with *God*, and with his *Blessed Lamb* forever! I am*

*Your Brother and Companion through the many Tribulations of our Day and Testimony*

*Worminghurst in Sussex,  
the 4th of the 9th  
Moneth, 1678.*

William Penn.

I desire, that this *Epistle* may be read in the *Fear of the Lord* in your several *Meetings*.

*John Howlett*

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Tableau n° 10. - *Les deux dernières années de la guerre, 1870-1871, et l'effet de l'armistice sur la production.*

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